

## **MWC LEGISLATION January 2007 – December 2008**

The Michigan Women's Commission has a legislative committee chaired by Commissioner Alexandra Matish that meets quarterly and recommends action to the entire Michigan Women's Commission.

### **SENATE LEGISLATION**

- 1) SB 41 & 42 (Scott & Jacobs) – bills would provide fairness at the pharmacy by providing insurance coverage for contraceptives. Assigned to the Senate Health Policy Committee and hearing held on 05/14/2008. MWC supported. Sent letter of support to bill sponsor on 11/19/2007.
- 2) SB 275 (Whitmer) - bill would provide an exemption for nursing mothers from jury duty. Passed Senate Judiciary Committee and on Second Reading in Senate. Reported favorably to the Committee of the Whole. MWC supported. Sent letter of support to bill sponsor on 10/23/2007.
- 3) SB 415 (Cherry) – bill requires department to identify information regarding risks of human papillomavirus and provide it to schools. Passed Senate and House, assigned PA 0120'08 with immediate effect. MWC supported the concept. Sent letter of support to bill sponsor on 10/23/2007.
- 4) SB 416 (Stamas) – bill requires schools to provide certain information concerning human papillomavirus (HPV) and HPV immunization under certain circumstances. Passed Senate and on Second Reading in House. MWC supported the concept. Sent letter of support to bill sponsor on 10/23/2007.
- 5) SB 417 (Brater) - bill to provide equal compensation for comparable worth. Assigned to Senate Commerce and Tourism Committee. MWC supported. Sent letter of support to bill sponsor on 11/19/2007.
- 6) SB 666 (Whitmer) - bill for second-parent adoption. Same as HB 4259. In Senate Judiciary Committee. MWC supported. Sent letter of support on 10/23/2007.
- 7) SB 1355 (Jacobs) - bill would require an emergency room or urgent care clinic to offer factually accurate written information on emergency contraceptives to victims of sexual assault. Same as HB 6048. Assigned to Senate Health Policy Committee. MWC supported. Sent letter of support to bill sponsor and committee chair on 06/18/2008.
- 8) SB 1356 (Brater) – bill would create an emergency contraceptive education act. Same as HB 6050. Assigned to Senate Health Policy Committee. MWC supported. Sent letter of support to bill sponsor and committee chair on 06/18/2008.
- 9) SB 1357 (Cherry) – bill would require pharmacists to fill prescriptions without bias. Same as HB 6049. Assigned to Senate Health Policy Committee. MWC supported. Sent letter of support to bill sponsor and committee chair on 06/18/2008.

10) SB 1616 (Jansen) – bill increases minimum state costs assessed in certain criminal cases involving juveniles and provides for distribution of proceeds to assist victims of criminal sexual conduct. MWC supported concept. Passed House and Senate and PA 543 of 2008 with immediate effect.

11) SB 1618 (Birkholz) – bill distributes certain justice system funds to pay for certain costs associated with criminal sexual conduct. MWC supported. Passed Senate and House, PA 545 of 2008 with immediate effect.

12) SB 1629 (Hardiman) – bill provides for crime victims services commission payment of sexual assault medical forensic examination costs to health care providers. MWC supported. Passed House and Senate, Public Act 391 of 2008 with immediate effect.

### HOUSE LEGISLATION

1) HB 4048 (Griffin) - bill would allow no reason absentee ballot. Passed House with substitute H-3 adopted. Referred to Senate Committee on Government Operations and Reform. Same as SB 12. MWC supported. Sent letter of support to bill sponsor on 10/23/2007.

2) HB 4104 (Meadows) - bill to require HPV vaccinations for 6th grade girls. Assigned to House Health Policy Committee. MWC supported the concept. Sent letter of support to bill sponsor on 11/19/2007.

3) HB 4164 (Clack) - bill to require HPV vaccinations for 6th grade girls. Assigned to House Health Policy Committee. MWC supported the concept. Sent letter of support to bill sponsor on 11/19/2007.

4) HB 4259 (Condino) – bill would allow second-parent adoption. Reported with recommendation, which includes substitute H-2. On second reading in House. MWC supported. Sent letter of support to bill sponsor on 10/23/2007.

5) HB 4447 & 4448 (Warren) - bills would allow different addresses for driver license and voting. Passed House, assigned to the Senate Campaign & Election Oversight Committee. MWC supported. Sent letter of support to bill sponsor on 10/23/2007.

6) HB 4564 (Steil) - bill would mandate joint custody in disputes between parents except for limited circumstances. Assigned to House Judiciary Committee, hearing held on 05/07/2008. MWC opposed. Sent letter of opposition to bill sponsor on 11/19/2007.

7) HB 4625 (Bauer) - bill amends the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act to provide compensation equally for work of comparable value. Passed House and assigned to Senate Commerce and Tourism Committee. MWC supported. Sent letter of support to bill sponsor and committee chair on 10/23/2007.

8) HB 4626 (Byrnes) - bill amends the Penal Code to provide penalties for violating comparable worth. Passed House with substitute H-1 adopted and assigned to Senate Commerce and

Tourism Committee. MWC supported. Sent letter of support to bill sponsor and committee chair on 10/23/2007.

9) HB 4627 (K. Law) - bill creates a Commission on Pay Equity. Passed House with substitute H-2 adopted and in Senate Commerce and Tourism Committee. MWC supported. Sent letter of support to bill sponsor and committee chair on 10/23/2007.

10) HB 5054-5057 (Donigan)- bills to create and provide funding for sexual assault victims' forensic medical intervention. MWC supported. Sent letter of support to bill sponsor on 10/23/2007 and Senate Committee members. HB 5054, 5055, and SB 1616, 1617, 1618 passed House and Senate, assigned PA 543-547 of 2008 with immediate effect.

11) HB 5136 (Miller) - bill to increase penalties for third or subsequent violation regarding wage discrimination based on sex. Assigned to House Labor Committee. MWC supported. Sent letter of support to bill sponsor on 04/08/2008.

12) HB 5171 (Meadows) - bill requires Department of Education to provide schools with specified information for HPV. On Second Reading in House, reported with recommendation substitute H-1. MWC supported concept. Sent letter of support to committee on 01/31/2008.

13) HB 5322 (Clack) - bill requires schools to provide information on HPV. Passed House and Senate, assigned PA 121'08 with immediate effect. MWC supported concept. Sent letter of support to committee on 01/31/2008.

14) HB 6048 (Warren) - bill would require an emergency room or urgent care clinic to offer factually accurate written information on emergency contraceptives to victims of sexual assault. Passed House and assigned to Senate Health Policy Committee. MWC supported. Sent letter of support to bill sponsor and committee chair on 06/18/2008.

15) HB 6049 (Smith, Alma) – bill would require pharmacists to fill prescriptions without bias. Reported from the House Judiciary Committee with substitute H-1, on Second Reading in House. MWC supported. Sent letter of support to bill sponsor on 06/18/2008.

16) HB 6050 (Donigan) – bill would create an emergency contraceptive education act. On third reading in House, postponed temporarily. MWC supported. Sent letter of support to bill sponsor on 06/18/2008.

17) HB 6226 (Young) - bill would add language to Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act to prohibit unpaid leave of a police officer during pregnancy if the officer is capable of performing light duty. The bill passed House with substitute H-1 adopted and is in Senate Commerce and Tourism Committee. MI Women's Commission supported the concept.

18) HB 6340 (Clack) – bill would enact sentencing guidelines for bias-motivated crimes. Passed House and in the Senate Judiciary Committee. MI Women's Commission supported.

19) HB 6341 (Condino) – bill defines target characteristics of a bias-motivated crime to include disability, gender, national origin or ancestry, race color or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, or expression of gender. The bill also prohibits and provides penalties for bias-

motivated crimes. Passed House with substitute H-1 adopted and amended. Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee. Judy turned in a card in support at House Judiciary Committee. MI Women's Commission supported.

20) HB 6602 (Condino) – bill to pay for sexual assault medical forensic exams using Crime Victims Compensation Funds. Passed House with substitute H-1 adopted and amended, in Senate Judiciary Committee. MI Women's Commission supported. Judy turned in a card for support in the House Judiciary Committee. SB 1629 was added. SB 1629 and HB 6602 passed the House and Senate, assigned Public Act 390 of 2008 with immediate effect.

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